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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE 1-73-86

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOSTER PARENTS LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

As you are aware, availability of liability insurance coverage for foster parents has become a problem in some areas of the state. Some foster parents are indicating they will refuse to accept new placements until liability insurance is either provided or made available at affordable rates.

The Department of Social Services has been working closely with several State agencies to clarify the problem, determine its magnitude and determine what action should be taken. In conducting this research, we have learned that commercial liability insurance is available to individual counties who wish to obtain umbrella policies for their foster parents. Counties wishing to obtain such coverage are encouraged to contact this Department for information about possible sources of coverage.

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